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1. TULLY, CURRENTLY THE DUTY OFFICER ON THE AMERICAN DESK IN THE EC COMMISSION'S DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, TOLD US ON AUGUST 6 THAT THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL AFFAIRS AND THE INTERNAL MARKET HAVE GIVEN THRIR PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT TO HOLDING THE US-EC INDUSTRIAL POLICY DISCUSSIONS ON OCTOBER 15-16 AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL A. DIRECTORS GENERAL LOEFF AND BRAUN WILL HAVE TO CONFIRM THE DATES WHEN THEY RETURN TO BRUSSELS IN SEPTEMEBR BUT THEIR CLOSE
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ASSOCIATES, MALTZAHN AND SCHLOESSER FORESEE NO PROBLEMS.

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2. WE HAVE RECIEVED NO OFFICIAL COMMISSION ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA ITEMS PROPOSED IN REFTEL C, AND WE NOW EXPECT NONE BEFORE SEPTEMBER. HOWEVER, STAFF MEMBERS IN THE ABOVE DIRECTORATES GENERAL HAVE TOLD US IN-FORMALLY THAT THEY ARE SUGGESTING THAT DURING THE CONSULTATION THE COMMISSION ASK THE US FOR INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING DETAILED ISSUES:

(A) THE US CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY ACT--HOW HAS IT BEEN PUT INTO EXECUTION AND HOW IT IS BEING ADMINISTERED. (THE COMMISSION'S INTEREST MAY BE IN CONNECTION WITH COMMISSION PLANS FOR AN EC CONSUMER PROTECTION PROGRAM.)

(B) IN THE STANDARDS FIELD COMMISSION OFFICIALS ARE INTERESTED IN (1) THE EPA REQUIREMENTS THAT AUTO EXHAUST EMISSION SYSTEMS BE TESTED IN THE US;(2) THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORATAION'S HAZARDOUS MATERIAL REGU-LATION REQUIRING FOREIGN MADE GAS CYLINDERS TO BE TESTED IN US;(3) THE PENDING LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT BEVERAGES IN NON-RETURNABLE BOTTLES.

(C) BUY AMERICAN LEGISLATION--(1)THE BUY AMERICAN AMENDMENT TO THE DEFENSE PROCUREMENT AUTH-ORIZATION ACT OF 1975 (S-3000 HR 592) (2)STATE BUY AMERICAN ACTS--WHAT ARE THE PROVISIONS IN DIFFERENT STATE ACTS? TO WHAT EXTENT IS STATE LEGISLATION PRE-EMPTED BY FEDERAL LEGISLATION?

(D) SHIPPING--(1) FLAG DISCRIMINATION IN THE JONES ACT AND PROBLEMS IN TRANSSHIPPING CONTAINERS (SEE STATE 52878 AND EC BRUSSELS 1221); (2)THE PROPOSED ENERGY TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ACT OF 1974 REQUIRING THAT NOT LESS THAN 20 PERCENT OF IMPORTED PETROLEUM BE SHIPPED IN US TANKERS.

(E) REGIONAL POLICY--IN THE LIGHT OF US COUNTER-VAILING DURY ACTION ON MICHELIN TIRES FROM CANADA, THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON THE US LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLICY IN THIS FIELD SO MEMBER STATES AND THE COM-MISSION KNOW THE RISKS THEY ARE RUNNING WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONAL POLICIES.

(F) ASSISTANCE TO US AIRLINES--THE COMMISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION HAS PROPOSED A FIVE-POINT ACTION PLAN TO ASSIST US AIR-LINES. IT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IS MENAT BY THE

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REQUIREMENT THAT "CONTRACTORS" ARE TO USE US FLAG
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